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SUBJ: COMMENTS OF FOREIGN MINISTER ON POLICY
REVIEW AND HUMAN RIGHTS

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1. WHEN I SAW FOREIGN MINISTER ROVIRA BRIEFLY TODAY
I ASKED IF HE COULD COMMENT ANY FURTHER ON DECISIONS
WHICH MIGHT HAVE BEEN TAKEN DURING AMBASSADOR PEREZ
CALDAS' CONSULTATION HERE IN WHICH RELATIONS WITH THE
UNITED STATES WERE UNDER REVIEW. I TOLD HIM THAT I HAD
SEEN PEREZ CALDAS BRIEFLY AT THE AIRPORT ON HIS DEPARTURE
(MONTEVIDEO 672), BUT HAD HAD NO OPPORTUNITY FOR A FULL
DISCUSSION.

2. THE MINISTER SHOWED NO INCLINATION TO GET INTO THIS
SUBJECT AND OBSERVED ONLY THAT THE CONSULTATION HAD
BEEN USEFUL. HE NOTED THAT THEY HAD REVIEWED IN DEPTH
ISSUES WHICH AROSE AS PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND
URUGUAY, BUT SAID NOTHING AS TO DECISIONS WHICH MAY HAVE
BEEN TAKEN.

3. WHEN I TRIED TO DRAW HIM OUT FURTHER BY INQUIRING AS
TO THE MISSION TO WASHINGTON ON WHICH AMBASSADORS ALVAREZ
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AND MARQUES SERE HAD BEEN SENT LAST WEEK, THE MINISTER
SEEMED A BIT SURPRISED. HE THEN SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THEY
HAD GONE FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN
RIGHTS COMMISSION. HE ADDED THAT URUGUAY WAS "PERPLEXED"
BECAUSE OF INITIATIVES WITHIN THE COMMISSION APPARENTLY
"INSPIRED" BY THE "SAME SOURCES AND EXAGGERATED REPORTS" WHICH
HAD INFLUENCED CONGRESSMAN KOCH AGAINST URUGUAY.

4. THE MINISTER DID NOT VOLUNTEER FURTHER COMMENT ON THIS SUBJECT. I TOLD HIM I HAD SEEN MEDIA ACCOUNTS TODAY OF SENATOR CHURCH'S REQUEST THAT THE IAHRC INVESTIGATE URUGUAY, AND ONE REPORT WHICH ADDED THAT SENATOR CHURCH HAD SAID URUGUAY HAD ACCEPTED. THE MINISTER'S ONLY RESPONSE WAS THAT THIS WAS NOT CORRECT, BUT THAT THE ISSUE WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION WITH NO DECISION AS YET HAVING BEEN TAKEN. SIRACUSA

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